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PEDAL AWAY

50 more bicycles at Bannerghatta

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HOUSE HUNT

Tough nut to crack indeed

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7 constituencies in Bengaluru have zero metro stations despite accounting for 25% of city's population

METROSPECTION

Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka, Anekal poorly served by metro

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> **"In most constituencies, commuters have to travel an average distance of 2 km to reach the station... reducing accessibility to a huge chunk of the public**
>
> — study

The city's public data enthusiasts evaluated access to public transport throughout the 28 assembly constituencies in terms of metro and bus services.

They found that seven constituencies in the city have zero metro stations in their limits despite accounting for 25% of the city's population.

They have also found that areas in the Central Business District (CBD) have the most number of bus stops while the constituencies on the periphery have much less bus connectivity.

The evaluation noted that Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka

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Child in the house

How children's issues were reflected in state legislature in the past five years

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Fifty eight legislators did not ask children-related questions in the state assembly during the last five years.

Out of the 176 legislators (excluding Chief Minister, ministers and the speaker) only 118 legislators asked child-centered questions during the assembly sessions in the last five years.

According to an analysis – Are there children in Vidhana Soudha? – by Karnataka Child Rights Observatory, 18 legislators including leader of opposition Siddaramaiah, BJP legislators BS Yediyurappa, Mahesh Kumatahalli, Ramesh Jarakiholi, Arun Kumar Guttur, Jagadeesh Shettar, Uday Garudachar, S Raghu, Gopalakrishna NY, Congress legislators M Krishnappa, Venkataramanappa, Rahim Khan, and the nominated member Veneesha Nero did not ask questions during the last five years.

Among the 11 legislators who asked more than 400 questions in the assembly sessions, Shanthinagar MLA NA Haris asked 587 questions and among them 47 questions were related to children's issues. Umanath Kotian is in second place with 37 children-related questions; Yashwantharaya

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Art of reading

Lulu Mall, Bengaluru is hosting the First Edition of Lulu Readers Fest that is aimed at celebrating Indian authors and re-familiarising people, especially the younger generation, with the art of reading. Given that the summer holidays are on, this event also aims to stimulate children's imaginations by engaging them in a world of stories, characters, and fun, through interactions with children's authors and popular book characters like Dog Man and Gruffalo.
Where: Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar
When: April 29, 3:00 pm to 7 pm

02 It's play time

Antharanga, the leading amateur theatre troupe of Karnataka has been actively involved in the production and performance of a wide variety of plays for the past 42 years. It has received rave reviews from a large section of audience. Antharanga now is all set to perform its latest play 'Wedding Ring'. The play revolves on love, marriage and relationship with the wedding ring as an interesting pivot. This play talks about the conflicts of relationships and the fragility of the same. It also talks about the materialistic life that hampers human relationship. **Where: KH Kala Soudha, Hanumanth Nagar; When: April 29, 7 pm; Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

New model in town

MG Motors India has launched the 'MG Comet' electric car in the Indian market, which has a starting price of Rs 7.98 lakh (ex-showroom). The car was unveiled at MG Showroom on Lavelle Road recently. "The car can travel up to 230 km on a single charge. The car has a spacious interior with 39 safety tests, electric window operation buttons, and a 12-volt charging port," said Pakshal Shah, the Karnataka Regional Sales Manager of MG Company. Rajan Sharma, the South Zone Sales Manager of MG Company, Amit Jain, the CEO of Jubilant Motor Works, and Nishchal Upeti, the Vice President of Sales Division of MG Business, were also present at the event.

Freedom to pedal away

Bannerghatta Biological Park to add 50 more bicycles on popular demand

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Launched as a trial project, authorities say eco-friendly transport is a huge hit among patrons

Bicycle enthusiasts have a reason to cheer. After receiving an encouraging response to its recently launched bicycle trial project, Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) is now planning to add at least 50 more bicycles to its fleet of eco-friendly transport for visitors.

The project on a trial basis was launched on Wednesday and BBP authorities say there has been an overwhelming response from the visitors.

"We bought eight bicycles on a trial basis and they are all in use over the last three days. There is a huge demand and thus, we are planning to add 50 more bicycles. Although we have decided to wait for a week till the trial is over," said Dr Sunil Panwar, chief conservator of forest and executive director, BBP.

The bicycles on the rental will be available for children above 12 years of age and adults to go around the park on their own. As of now, this pollution-free mode of transport is available for visitors over the weekdays only.

Park authorities say the idea behind the initiative is not just to promote an eco-friendly mode of transport but to also have an alternative to electric buggies.

"We have 15 electric buggies and with an overwhelming crowd during the summer holidays, it gets difficult to manage with a limited number of vehicles. Moreover, the majority of the visitors do not want to walk especially due to the summer season.

There is always a queue for the buggies and thus people have to wait. While we have started serving juice and drinking water to those waiting in the queue, an alternate mode of transport will help reduce this chaos," said a BBP official.

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The new batch of bicycles available at a rental of Rs 50 per hour will also come with protective gear such as helmets and knee guards. Officials say there are plans to build cycling tracks in case the popularity of cycling around the park increases further.

"Cycling tracks inside the park will be taken up only if the demand grows further, pushing us to get more bicycles. Moreover, except over the weekends, there is a lot of space for 50 cycles. As of now, we are focusing on popularising this mode of transport. Soon we will have safety gear for the cyclists as well. Renting bicycles is cheaper as well. While our electric buggies charge Rs 100 for adults, bicycles are available at Rs 50," added Dr Panwar.

Heritage work, on path of restoration

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The restoration work of the station will be completed in a year

The Bengaluru Division of the South Western Railway (SWR) has started the restoration work of the Nandi Halt as a Heritage Railway Station. This initiative is part of the efforts to preserve and enhance the heritage value of its station buildings. The restoration work is expected to be completed within a year.

The restoration work is being carried out under CSR funding. The station is part of the Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur-Kolar Railway line, which is over a century old and renowned for its picturesque and heritage-rich railway stations.

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HERITAGE HALTS HERE

Bangalore Mirror had reported on the restoration work being done by SWR

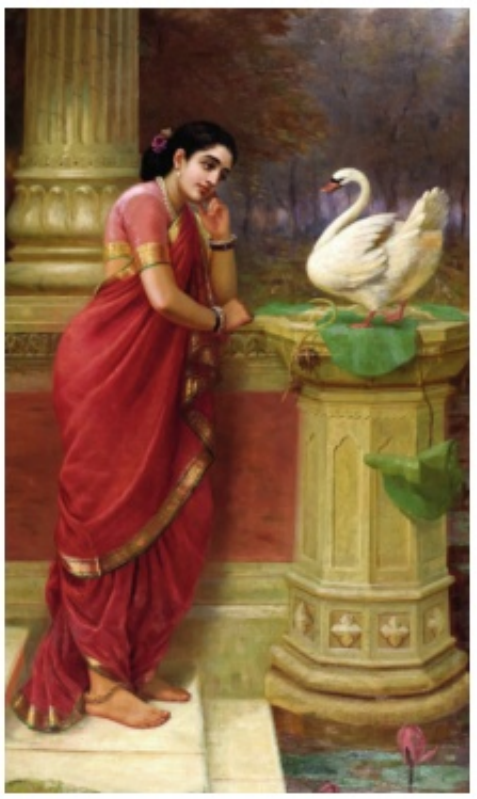
Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Admin), Bengaluru Division, along with officers of INTACH, gave a start to the commencement of restoration work. Once the restoration is complete, sustainable maintenance of the heritage structures will be carried out.

An SWR official said that the other heritage station Doddajala station building will be converted into an art gallery, while Avatihalli station building into a silk museum and coach library, and Devanahalli station building into an interpretation centre for monuments and history, along with a café or snack counter. All these station buildings have been considered as heritage buildings and the public have been pressurising the officials to preserve these exquisite examples of colonial-era architecture.

The Division had earlier signed an MoU with the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in February 2021 to develop railway stations at Doddajala, Devanahalli, Avatihalli, and Nandi Halt as Heritage Stations. INTACH, a non-profit organisation that works for the preservation of heritage sites, has already restored the heritage railway station buildings at Doddajala, Devanahalli, and Avatihalli using CSR funding from Mineral Enterprises Limited.

RESPONSE CONNECT INITIATIVE

Bengaluru lawyer pens the largest work on Ravi Varma's legacy



Ganesh Shivaswamy, a fifth-generation lawyer from Bengaluru, became passionate about Raja Ravi Varma's art and collected chromolithographs and information about the artist from a young age.

He has released An Everlasting Imprint, a six-volume series that meticulously examines Varma's life and artistic legacy in unparalleled detail. He spent five years researching Varma's life and work, traveling worldwide to view his paintings and uncover how Varma revolutionized Indian art by blending traditional Indian styles with Western techniques.

Research journey

Shivaswamy's passion for Varma's art has not only enriched his own life but has also inspired him to share his knowledge with others. He regularly gives talks and lectures on Varma's life and work, and has even curated exhibitions showcasing the artist's paintings.

Extensive Work

An Everlasting Imprint stands out for its unprecedented scale and ambition as the most extensive work by a single author on the legacy of any Indian artist. This six-volume set by Ganesh Shivaswamy on Raja Ravi Varma's legacy is a groundbreaking achievement in the field of Indian art history, surpassing previous records of only two volumes for a book on an Indian artist, such as the one on Amrita Sher-Gil, a Hungarian-Indian painter.

Democratisation of Art

The book series explores the democratization of art in India through the legacy of Raja Ravi Varma. While previous biographies have mainly focused on his life and contributions, this series also sheds light on the role of others who participated in this movement, such as his relatives, tutors, mentors, models, and societal and cultural influences.

The platform was launched by Her Highness Shubhangini Raje, Rajmata Ji of Baroda

Exquisite & Detailed Paintings

Raja Ravi Varma (1848-1906) was an Indian painter and artist who is celebrated for his exquisite and detailed paintings that blend the traditional Indian style with the techniques of European academic art. He is regarded as one of the most important figures in the history of Indian art, and his work is recognized for its unique blend of Indian mythology and European realism.

Healing Art

Shivaswamy's interest in art began at 16 when he was diagnosed with pituitary cancer, affecting his vision. After treatment, he met Dr. RM Varma, related to Raja Ravi Varma's family, who introduced him to art. Shivaswamy's first lithograph was of Saraswati, and he started collecting more. Dr. Varma then connected him with other royals. Shivaswamy authored the first online catalogue about Ravi Varma on his 100th death anniversary in 2006, receiving positive feedback from academicians.

Journey of Arts

Shivaswamy decided to focus on the journey of art from the artist's studio to common spaces and explore the influences that shaped Varma. In 2019, Shivaswamy established the Ganesh Shivaswamy Foundation, which partnered with Google Arts and Culture. In September, the foundation launched chromolithographs from Shivaswamy's collection on the Google platform. The launch event was attended by Her Highness Shubhangini Raje, Rajamata Ji of Baroda.

First Volume

Shivaswamy had set a goal to complete his book in five years, and in April 2023, he launched the first volume. The complete set comprises six volumes, with over 180,000 words and more than 1500 images, and covers the popular art legacy of the 19th and 20th centuries in India. Reflecting on the challenges he faced while working on the book, Shivaswamy said, "I had to approach multiple royal palaces, museums, and art galleries in the country. Each and every person was very welcoming and gave me every detail or information that I had asked for."

Popularising fine arts

Each book in the series focuses on a different aspect of Raja Ravi Varma's legacy. Volume one covers his life and the acceptance of his art among the general public. Volume two discusses the founding of the Ravi Varma Press and its impact, while the remaining volumes delve into specific themes in the artist's works. The series explores the democratization of art in India and the role played by various individuals and factors in popularizing fine art and prints.

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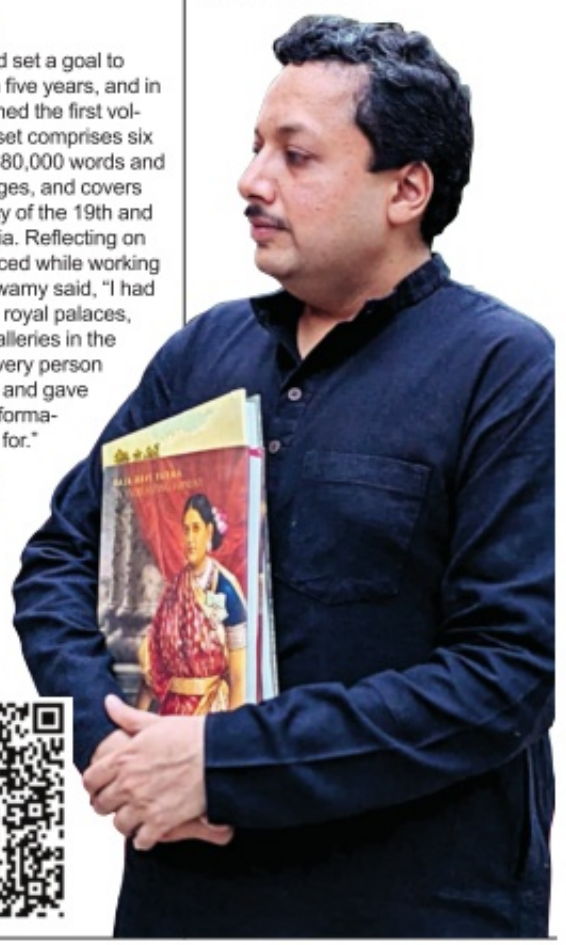

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Lost in spectacles

How did China, once the world's most populous nation, catapult to a neoliberal manufacturing engine for the world from a wretched third world single-party set up: perhaps you are reading this on a made-in-China device.

Now that India has arrived at that same definitive demographic summit where China stood not so long ago, clueless and staring at a mountain of uncertainties, the point to be noted is, we are at such critical times, when even the developed economies are confronting ever changing dynamics of a world in flux pulled in all directions by multiple challenges.

From Ukraine to Sudan, we have humanitarian crises of scale brewing. Anti-immigrant, anti-woke and isolationist agenda of the rich and powerful politicians has never been in such blatant display as it is now, sadly, when the world requires internationalism and welfarism more than ever.

Ring-fencing one's own territory and staking the neighbour's in extreme weather is plain stupid and reeks of conservative tomfoolery. But alas, this is the pattern.

That the technological leapfrog is being used to aid the excesses of power is pitiable: what is the use of so-called AI for the stateless, homeless and disenfranchised?

Even without factoring in the fallout of the climate emergency in varied geography of the subcontinent, India is not only floundering to catch up with its enterprising neighbour but unable to provide its citizens a decent life, employment, kick-start the economy post covid, or rein in uncontrollable inflation, not to mention the state of healthcare or social security.

The robust foundation of India as a welfare state, as a pluralistic union of diverse cultures and peoples, in a slow but steady process of lifting its millions from the hellish grip of penury, homelessness and oft-violent discrimination based on caste post independence is now giving in to brute pressure from the incumbent political regime: at the outset, it appears, it is for political and corporate gain to ensure continuity of power for politicians and allied businessmen. Constitutional mechanisms are seemingly facilitating this, or made to, or so it appears.

The aforesaid is why, never ever is a burning issue that plagues the ordinary Indian the talking point in the mainstream broadcast media or has been for the past few years; it shall never be unless the electorate awakens and shows the door to the shoddy governance and anarchy they are subjected to in the name of 'world's largest democracy', 'mother of democracy' and so forth.

Now with the world's most populous country tag, the absence of a concrete plan that shall put the

immense demographic dividend to work for the emerging economy's benefit is exposed to the international community; as a result we are seeing damning depictions of India and its eastern neighbour — especially the train cartoon that appeared in a German publication.

It is surprising, barring a few, why no one here is talking about the implications of India being the world's most populous nation let alone a roadmap to tackle the rapidly mounting challenges, uncertainties, and most importantly, the worries of a billion people aspiring for economic prosperity who have been constantly shortchanged in past decades: allegations of public monies siphoned off from public sector undertakings by crony businessmen is the latest case in point.

Firstly, we need to turn our gaze from the spectacles that we are shown day in day out by the pliant press and look at real facts, ground realities, where we as a nation stand at this point in time, and how these affect the political economy.

Wielding power is no cakewalk. Power can cut like a samurai blade even its wielder as it may slice onlookers gathered drawn to its unseemly charm. Perhaps the India scenario echoes this like no other.

Power is never satiated in itself. It is always thirsting to bask in the glory of the unseemly spectacle — to the extent that it relies on the spectacle to sustain. And, farcical as it may sound, calls this unseemly spectacle progress. How absurd.

For instance, a cheetah, amongst the coalition that was brought to India from Africa, pompously paraded and was part of such a spectacle that followed, succumbed a few days ago.

This is the second cat that died after their relocation to the subcontinent; they were hunted to extinction in India by the Brits and royalty.

For almost a decade now, all of us have been subjected to such macabre spectacles, streamed live often; of late, it has become gory lawlessness on live TV.

When the last spectacle does not turn out to be the spectacle that it was supposed to be, the premise for another is invented and executed: how many such spectacles one can recall in the past nine years? From demonetisation to GST and at present, the much hailed Vande Bharat trains, what is the new spectacle that awaits the nation?

The Ejipura 'pipe dream'

BBMP floats tender for never-ending flyover project once again

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As the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) rushes to finish the Ejipura flyover project, experts advise thorough checking of the existing structure. Portions of the flyover, which have been lying exposed for a year, look rusted.

The never-ending project might need even more time. Parts of the flyover have been exposed to years of rain and sun, causing them to appear rusted, calling into question the structural integrity. Experts note that tests are required before resuming the project.

Debris is dumped indiscriminately under the half-done Ejipura flyover

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said, "This flyover needs to be inspected and certified by structural engineers. Since the work has stopped and been left incomplete, it has been exposed to climatic conditions like monsoons and natural damages. The need to complete it is important, but with proper certification and consultation from experienced infrastructure/construction companies. The debris below the flyover is an eyesore for an area like Koramangala. I hope this is cleared immediately since it has made the area even more polluted with dust."

President of ST Bed Layout RWA, Rajendra Babu Reddy, said that the pre-stressed cables could have rusted. BBMP has to replace the cables with new ones, he said. "The half-exposed and primarily the end portions have to be rectified. There needs to be a stop to the debris dumping below the flyover. Due to the debris, the width of the road is being reduced," he told BM.

Chandra Kishen, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering Indian Institute of Science, said, "From outside, the concrete may get leached, but there might not be significant damage inside. The reinforcement may get corroded. BBMP should take care that the reinforcement does not get exposed to sunlight and water. Before resuming work, a visual inspection is required, and in case of corrosion, some minimal treatment is required." If the reinforcement gets corroded, the diametre of the reinforcement bar is reduced, and the load-bearing capacity of the flyover is reduced, he said. "In cases where the structure is left exposed for a long time, there are some standard procedures to deal with such issues," he added.

> **"The half-exposed portions have to be fixed. Debris dumping below the flyover must stop**
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> –Rajendra Babu Reddy, ST Bed Layout RWA prez

However, the BBMP says the existing structure is perfectly fine in its current stage.

A senior BBMP official said that tests were conducted, and there are no damages. "We are in the process of tendering the project again. The process is likely to be completed after elections. Our superintendent engineer and executive engineer visited the spot and have stated that there are no issues with the existing structure," he said.

Started in 2018, the 2.5-km-long flyover connecting Kendriya Sadan to Ejipura was expected to be completed in 2021. BBMP floated the fourth tender this month.

Do legislators care about children?

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Gowda Patil raised 28 questions while Shivanand Patil asked 25 questions.

The analysis stated that the remaining 58 legislators have raised questions, but not about important issues of children. It said that probably the NGOs, media and advisors to the legislators may not have done enough work to draw the attention of these legislators to the situation of children and their problems in their constituencies and the state in general.

"I am not happy with the apathy of the legislators in raising queries on children's issues in their respective constituencies. I want legislators to bring children's problems to the government's notice by raising questions during the Assembly sessions," said Vasudeva Sharma NV, state convener, Karnataka Child Rights Observatory.

He said after the assembly elections in 2005 in Karnataka, Child Rights Trust (CRT) tried to find out what the political parties were doing to fulfill their promises. "We analysed the questions elected representatives had raised about children and children's issues in the legislature in 2005 and the answers provided by the then government in power. This analysis was published and was circulated among the elected representatives, media, administrators and the public. It was the first of its kind in Karnataka. We received a lot of encouraging responses for our effort," he said.

The main objective of this analysis is to find out whether our elected representatives discuss children and children's issues in both the houses of the legislature. The intention of this initiative is to examine whether the legislators are taking the situation of children into consideration and making a qualitative change in the lives of children by making an impact on the legislation and policies of the government concerning children.

"I want the legislators to consider children as 'citizens today' who constitute 39% of the total population of India and 34% of the total population of Karnataka (2011 census). The legislators should always keep in mind that today's children are today's citizens. I want all the legislators to raise questions on children's issues in their respective constituencies," said Nagasimha G Rao, Director of Child Rights Trust.

House Hunting? All the very best

Wonder why finding a house in Bengaluru is so difficult? Read on

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A Twitter user shared a tweet claiming that he could not get a rental home because his II PU marks were less than 90 per cent. In fact, many people in the past have shared strange experiences while hunting for houses in the city. The biggest question is why it is such a challenging experience in Bengaluru.

Decoding this, Amarendra Sahu, CEO of NestAway Technologies, told Bangalore Mirror, "In Bengaluru, landlords put extra pressure on tenants to divulge unnecessary information. This is done to avoid issues such as loud parties or potential safety and security concerns. Such rules exist due to the landlords' trust in tenants who come from different cities for employment, studies, and other purposes." In fact, house hunting in Bengaluru can be challenging for several reasons, such as high demand due to the city's fast growth and limited supply. The high demand for housing in Bengaluru has driven up prices for rental homes. The Bengaluru brokerage system can also make house hunting more difficult, he explained. Brokers are not always forthcoming about the properties they have available, and they frequently charge exorbitant fees, making it more difficult to find a suitable home.

Many tenants have complained of ever-increasing rent. According to a few experts, rental housing in Bengaluru has

The demand fore rental homes is affected by a variety of factors

increased by 20-30 per cent. The average monthly rent for a 2BHK house in Bengaluru is now Rs 40,000, and it can go up to Rs 60,000 depending on the area and amenities available in the flat.

Sahu said that the demand for rental homes was affected by a variety of factors, including location, market conditions, and demographics. However, there are some general trends that can help explain overall rental home demand. Population growth is a major driver of rental home demand.

"Another factor is the population's changing demographics. Younger generations are deferring homeownership, either by choice or due to economic factors such as student debt, creating a greater demand for rental homes. Furthermore, economic factors such as job growth, income levels, and housing affordability can all have an impact on rental home demand. Many people may choose to rent rather than buy in areas where the job market is strong but the cost of living is high," Sahul said.

Finally, lifestyle choices can influence the demand for rental homes, he told BM. People who value flexibility, mobility, and access to amenities, for example, may prefer to rent rather than own a home. Overall, a variety of factors influence rental home demand.

He added that there were examples in the past where landlords specifically offered their homes only to married tenants from the region they are from. Landlords looking for vegetarian tenants isn't new either. "However, the weirdest request we have received though is when a landlord wanted a tenant who had the same zodiac sign as him," Sahu added.

Krishnappa S, a homeowner, said, "I am not aware of any unusual requests that landlords are making. However, one thing is certain - we need to complete all necessary verifications. In the past, we have had embarrassing experiences with tenants, and the police have held us accountable for not having sufficient proof. Therefore, we require evidence such as Aadhaar, phone numbers, and relatives' numbers."

Establish 3 more NIA courts: HC

The High Court of Karnataka has recommended that three more Special Courts for National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases be established in three revenue divisions of Karnataka, within the next six months.

"We hereby recommend the State Government to constitute/establish three Special Courts for trial of NIA cases in Mysore Division, Belagavi Division and Kalburgi Division within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of the order," the Division Bench of B Veerappa and Justice Venkatesh Naik T said in their judgment. –PTI

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Job Description
- Profit centre head
- Overall in-charge of sales operations
- Responsible for :
  - Sales target achievement
  - Promotion of value added service
  - Customer satisfaction
  - Co-ordination with principle

Profile
Experience : Min. 7 Years with 2 Yrs, as Manager
Age : Below 40 years
Exp. Salary: Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 70,000/- + Incentive + Petrol Allowance

RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

Job Description
- Direct Sales to customers
- Understanding & fulfilling customers requirements
- Responsible for :
  - Targets achievement: in Sales & Value added services
  - Lead generation & management
  - Customer satisfaction
  - Long-term customer relationship

Profile
Experience : Min. 1 Year in any Sales Industry
Age : Below 35 years
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CCB raid busts huge fake marksheets scam

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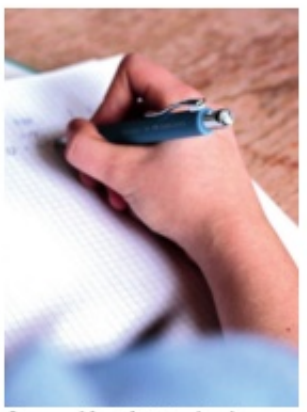
The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths have busted a massive network involved in the production and sale of fake SSLC/PUC marksheets across the state. The CCB officials conducted a raid on Karnataka Institutions Open Schooling (KIOS) based in Huballi and confiscated over 7,300 fake marksheets. The mastermind behind the scam, KIOS Prabhuraj B, along with three others, has been arrested by the police.

The police said that KIOS had falsely advertised itself as a recognised distance learning institute that conducts SSLC and PUC classes and provides marksheets. They had also created a website under the same name. When students approached KIOS for marksheets, they were charged exorbitant amounts ranging from Rs 10,000 to 20,000. The investigation revealed that KIOS was providing fake marksheets to students even without conducting exams. The scam initially started in Huballi but later spread to other parts of the state.



Several institutes had an agreement with KIOS

The police found that several other distance education institutes in different districts of the state were involved in the scam. These institutes had an agreement with KIOS, and students seeking marksheets after completing SSLC or PUC in distance education were charged Rs 20,000. Many individuals seeking menial jobs also fell prey to the scam and obtained fake marksheets.

The scam was exposed when a person approached an institute in Yelachenahalli to pursue a degree in distance education. He was charged Rs 1.80 lakh for a three-year BA course. After writing the exam on his behalf, the accused gave him the graduation mark sheets for Rs 10,000. The CCB conducted the investigation and verified with the education department when it was revealed that KIOS was not recognised by the government. The police seized several incriminating pieces of evidence during their search of KIOS's office, including 190 marksheets with students' names, 7,100 marksheets without names, 5,500 answer sheets, admission registers of 25 students, a colour photocopying machine used for making fake marksheets, and four laptops.

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Format C-1
Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon' ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of india & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate : **B.G. Govindappa S/o Galipujappa. Belagur**
Name of political party : **Indian national congress** (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : **Karnataka Legislative Assembly**
Name of Constituency : **No. 101 Hosadurga**
1) **B.G.Govindappa** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

SI. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of cases (s)	section (s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
01	Additional civil and JMFC Court, Hosadurga	CC 1622/22 29-12-22	Summons	U/S 269 IPC and section 51. D.M. Act 2005

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

SI. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of office (s) & punishment imposed	Maximun Punishment Imposed
NIL			

Advantage Yelahanka: Expanding infra turns boon to home-buyers

Properties near upcoming metro stations, renovation of several roads set demand high among developers

The Kempegowda International Line will cover a distance of 58.19 km

The Yelahanka-Doddaballapur road is experiencing a surge in infrastructure development, attracting both homebuyers and real estate developers in and around Yelahanka and Doddaballapur.

The four/six-lane expansion of the Yelahanka-Doddaballapur road, the six-lane upgrade of the Yelahanka-Devanahalli road, and the renovation of the Nelamangala-Railway Gollahalli-Madure-Doddaballapur road are fueling the growth in the area.

Additionally, ongoing infrastructure projects like the four-lane construction on NH 207 and the development of a railway underpass near Doddaballapur are steadily advancing, encouraging many to construct new homes as the infrastructure takes shape.

Furthermore, the metro connectivity to Yelahanka, which is part of the airport connectivity route, is another boon to the area. On Thursday, the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) achieved a significant milestone in the construction process by installing the first steel composite on the Kempegowda International Line.

The composite girder, weighing 165 tons, was placed near Bellandur on the Phase 2A route connecting KR Puram to the Central Silk Board. To speed up construction time and reduce costs, the BMRCL is using U-girders for the first time in the viaduct construction process. The U-girders, each 28 meters long, will connect the pillars on the route. The construction is taking place in two phases, 2A and 2B, with the deadline for completion set for June 2026.

The Kempegowda International Line will cover a distance of 58.19 km with 30 elevated stations, and the estimated cost for this line is Rs 14,788 crore.

The development of the metro has also influenced the demand for rental properties in the area. "Properties located near metro stations are now more desirable to renters than those without easy public transportation access. As a result, landlords and developers are building rental properties near Metro stations to meet the growing demand.

The Metro has also improved the city's overall infrastructure, enhancing accessibility to schools, hospitals, and other important amenities, making rental living more convenient and appealing to many people. This has resulted in an increase in the number of people opting to rent rather than buy a property in Bengaluru", said a report by Nestaway Technologies.

In addition, Yelahanka is set to benefit from the development of newer townships near Chikkaballapur.

According to an official, "The Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KIDFC) plans to revolutionise the outskirts of Bengaluru by developing six integrated townships at Mysuru, Haveri, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Chitradurga, and Ramanagar.

These townships will have large-scale industrial zones and residential areas, creating roughly 10,000 job opportunities through a private-public partnership.

The focus is on providing essential infrastructure, such as health and educational services, along with the industrial zones, to relieve pressure on Bengaluru and promote the development of second-tier cities."

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Beat the heat: Tips to keep your home cool as temperatures soar

When the temperature starts to rise during the summer months, it's important to keep your home cool and comfortable. One of the most effective ways to cool your home is by using an air conditioner but air conditioners bring the cost of your bills up. Keeping your house cool in the summer might result in higher energy expenses. Furthermore, in the face of rising power bills, you may already be breaking out in a cold sweat just thinking about how much it will cost to keep the air conditioner on.

Yet, being rational about the costs does not imply surrendering oneself to a summer without air conditioning. With a few modest adjustments to your house and habits, you can stay cool while keeping your energy bills under control.

Keeping your house cool during summer is important for both comfort and health. Here are a few ways to cool your house during the hot summer months:

Cool your home this summer with these easy tips and tricks

Below are a few points to help you keep your mind and your home both cool this summer.

Adjust your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise: A ceiling fan is not a set-it-and-forget-it piece of equipment. In the summer, turn the fan blades counter-clockwise (as you gaze up) to push the air straight down. On really hot days, increase the fan speed. Make sure that the fan is clean and all the parts like the regulator of the fan are up to date so you can get the maximum air out of it.

Defeat attic heat: Many of the things that make your home warm in the winter also keep it cool in the summer. Insulation, for example, decreases energy expenditures by keeping cold air in and heat out. Proper ventilation, insulation, and a reflective roof can help defeat attic heat. Additionally, sealing air leaks, shading your roof, and using an attic fan are other effective measures.

Hack a fan: You can make a fake ocean wind using a fan and a dish of ice. Just place a mixing bowl filled with ice or an ice pack in front of a fan. When you turn on the fan, the air will have the effect of a cool, misty breeze.

Install cooling curtains: When opening all the windows isn't enough, sprinkle a sheet with cold water and place it over the window's opening. The breeze will hit the sheet and flow through the chilly, moist cloth, helping to cool down a room without air conditioning.

Consider using insulated window films: Window films have several benefits, including reduced energy expenditures and more privacy while still allowing you to enjoy the view and light of the great outdoors. They can give up to 98 percent infrared heat reduction compared to unprotected windows and decrease temperature imbalances in your house.

Install an awning: Placing an awning above your windows helps protect your property from the sun's beams. This will limit the quantity of heat that your home absorbs.

Get rid of incandescent lights: Incandescent lights lose an estimated 90% of their energy in the heat they create, so if you're attempting to cool down a room without air conditioning, modest changes like switching to compact fluorescent lamps may make a great difference.

-Times Property

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER

A phalanx of painted storks at Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary

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Stepping out? Brace for some VIP traffic jams

Note down all traffic diversions you need to know today

With PM and other dignitaries in the city as per the election canvas, one can expect traffic diversions in the city between 2 pm to 7:30 pm. City police said that the following traffic arrangements have been made. Please avoid the following roads and use alternative routes: Old Airport Road-Cambridge Layout Road-Dickenson Road-Cubbon Road-Ambedkar road-Nrupathunga Road-Krumbigal Road-Devanaga Road-Lalbagh West Gate Road-RV College Road-Basavanagudi 50ft Canara Bank Road.

Restrictions and Diversions:

The movement of all types of vehicles has been restricted in the following roads, and suitable diversions have been made.

Vehicles coming from Magadi towards Bengaluru should be diverted at the Thavarekere junction and must take a right turn and move towards Hemmigepura-Kommaghatta via Kengeri to move towards Mysuru Road.

Traffic arrangements have been made by the city police at several routes in Bengaluru

Vehicles coming from Magadi towards Tumakuru Road should be diverted at Tavarekere junction by taking a left turn and proceed towards Sondekoppa and Nelamangala.

Vehicles coming from Tumakuru and joining Nice Road (goods vehicles must take a right turn at Nelamangala Sondekoppa bypass) further proceed towards Thavarekere-Hemmigepura-Kommagatta and via Kengeri to move towards Mysuru Road.

Vehicles coming from the city towards Magadi road should take a left turn at MC Circle and join Mysuru Road, further moving towards Kommagatta-Hemmigepura and Thavarekere.

Vehicles coming from Nayandahalli towards Tumakuru Road should move towards Mysuru Road at Nayandahalli junction and reach Kengeri-RR College-Ramohalli-Chandrappa circle-Thavarekere and can either move towards Magadi or Tumakuru Road.

Vehicles moving from CMTI junction towards Nayandahalli and Mysuru Road should take Goraguntepalya-West of Chord Road-MC Circle and via Vijayanagara can join Mysuru Road.

Vehicles coming from Old Ring Road and Kengeri towards Tumakuru Road must take a left turn at Ullal junction and via Ullala village-Ramasandra Bridge-Hemmigepura and via Tavarekere move towards Tumakuru Road.

Vehicles coming from Old Ring Road must move towards Tumakuru Road via Tavarekere

DID YOU KNOW?

The recipient of the Arjun Award, former Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone, was born in Bengaluru. Originally hailing from Kundapur, Udupi, he was ranked the world's No. 1 badminton player in 1980. The Government of India conferred him with the Padma Shri in 1982. He is the first Indian to win the men's singles at the All England Championship. His first major international win was at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Canada, where he won gold. After retirement, he co-founded Olympic Gold Quest and the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy in October 1994. Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone is his elder daughter.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

What can be done to ensure that more Bengalureans turn up to vote?

BR Ramaprasad, BM Reader
India being a democratic country, voting acts as the voice of the public in selecting representatives. Voting is a fundamental right for citizens of India. People will select the leader who hears their grievances and resolves the issues.

Venkatesh Murthy, BM Reader
To ensure that more people turn up to vote, awareness programmes like campaigning and educating the public, especially in rural areas, should be conducted. People residing in urban centres should come forward to vote.

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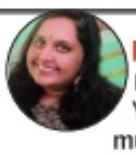
The public should be aware of the particular candidate or party representing the state. Elections will be conducted as per the schedule, and citizens should select representatives based on their work performance in the constituency.



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Youth should take part in community development by educating citizens regarding voting power. Every vote counts in building our democratic nation. Youth can participate in various activities such as street plays to educate the public about the importance of voting.

R Sudhakar Bagade, BM Reader
Youth can engage in various activities, such as street plays, to emphasise the importance of voting to the public.

Kiran Kumar, BM Reader
Nowadays, star campaigning is attracting more voters. People tend to vote for candidates who have the support of their favourite actor. This helps in gaining people's confidence and increasing voter turnout.

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Voting begins! For some

Super seniors, above age of 80, to cast postal ballot from today

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Polling officials explain about EVM and VVPAT machines to the polling staff

Starting today, senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Bengaluru will have the opportunity to cast their votes via postal ballots for the first time in history, as announced by BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Friday. Through Form 12D, eligible voters who are 80 years old or above, or belong to the persons with disabilities (PwDs) category, have given their consent, and 9,152 postal ballots will be sent between April 29 and May 6. Nath explained that polling agents from various political parties have been informed about the postal ballot system and can be assigned as route agents to visit homes when the postal ballots are cast. Videographers and officials will also be present at the site. The machines will show 15 candidates, and Byatrayanapura, Yelahanka, and Rajajinagar will have two ballot units due to an increase in the number of contenders.

POLL VAULT

Initially, the electoral roll listed 2,35,140 senior citizens who are 80 years old or above and 26,058 voters who are PwDs. However, only 1.1 lakh senior citizens were found to be eligible during a door-to-door survey. Nath stated that out of the eligible voters, 9,152 super senior voters and 119 PwD voters have agreed to cast postal ballots. The highest number of voters above the age of 80 enrolled for postal ballot are from Malleswaram constituency (837), and the highest number of PwD voters registered are in Yelahanka (22).

Regarding allegations of voter identity cards of both states in the border areas of Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu, Nath said that they cannot take up the deletions of voter names at this juncture. Last year, they used artificial intelligence to identify duplicate voters. If they receive any complaints, they will distribute voter slips, and when their personnel are distributing voter slips and find out that people are not at those homes, they will mark such voters in the "shifted" category. This will be updated in the polling list.

Bengaluru has 97.15 lakh voters

Bengaluru has 97.15 lakh voters spread across 28 assembly constituencies under the jurisdiction of the District Election Officer-Bangalore. Among the voters, 50,24,775 are male, 46,86,813 are female, and 1,761 belong to the "other" category. 1,760 are service voters. The number of young voters in the city has also increased and now stands at 1,43,526. Of these, 75,514 are male and 69,979 are female. Earlier this year, a pre-final voters' list was published on January 5, which recorded 92,11,679 voters in Bengaluru.

In terms of voter distribution across assembly constituencies, Bengaluru South holds the largest segment with 6,95,742 voters, followed by Mahadevapura with 6,07,195 voters. The assembly constituency with the lowest number of voters is Shivajinagar with 1,94,055 voters. When it comes to the distribution of female voters, the highest number is found in Bengaluru South with 3,28,920 voters, and the lowest is in Shivajinagar with 96,360 voters. Among other categories, the assembly constituency with the highest number of voters is Vijaynagar with 171 voters.

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In total, Bengaluru will have 3,223 polling stations for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023.

'BJP twisting road rage incident'

Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Karnataka opposition leader Siddaramaiah, on Friday said the BJP is trying to twist the road rage incident and project it as a clash between the saffron party and Congress.

Addressing reporters here, Yathindra, who is also the sitting MLA from the Varuna constituency, said, "I have spoken to the SP and he stated that the incident has no political connection. The BJP is basically a party of rioting. Without any basis, the incident has been given a political colour. The party is expert at creating troubles. The Congress workers should not get provoked in spite of attempts by the BJP."

Yathindra further said that the BJP is strategising for political gains. He said they are coming up with blatant lies for their advantage. "None of our relatives were present at the time of the incident. In spite of it, a complaint has been lodged against them," the MLA claimed. **-IANS**

Pre-poll wrap: What is Karnataka up to?

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Kannada superstar to campaign for Congress

Kannada superstar Shivarajkumar said on Friday that he will campaign for the Congress party from today.

His wife, Geetha Shivarajkumar joined the Congress on Friday. Shivarajkumar while supporting his wife's move stated that he is with his wife and will do campaigning for the Congress candidates.

The couple will campaign for Madhu Bangarappa, who is contesting from the Soraba seat on a Congress ticket. Madhu Bangarappa and Geetha Shivarajkumar are children of former Karnataka CM S Bangarappa.

Madhu Bangarappa is contesting against his own brother Kumar Bangarappa, a sitting MLA from the BJP. This is the second stint of Geetha Shivarajkumar into politics. She contested against former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in the Lok Sabha elections in 2014 on a JD(S) ticket and lost the election with a huge margin. They will also campaign for Bheemanna Naika of Congress who is contesting from the Sirsi seat.

The joining of Geetha Shivarajkumar to the Congress party has become a topic of discussion on social media in the state.

Talking to the media, Shivarajkumar said that he was happy that his wife is joining the Congress party. "Geetha has taken a decision seeking a new change. I always support decisions taken by my wife. We will take part in campaigning from Saturday for Madhu Bangarappa," he said.

"Her father was in politics and I need not teach her politics. She is involved in social work and skill training for children. She is more interested in social work," he said.

The Congress party has now got a star campaigner in Shivarajkumar. Another superstar Kichcha Sudeep is campaigning for the BJP. **-IANS**

Wife leads campaign of barred Cong candidate

Shivaleela Kulkarni is leading the Congress' campaign in Karnataka's Dharwad rural seat. But no, she is not contesting, only holding the fort for her husband Vinay who is barred from entering the constituency.

Former minister Kulkarni was arrested and remanded in judicial custody in November 2020 in connection with the murder of BJP leader and zila panchayat member Yogeshgouda Goudar in June 2016. He was granted bail by the Supreme Court on the condition that he would not be allowed to enter Dharwad, the district known as the cultural capital of Karnataka, without the permission of the jurisdictional court. **-PTI**

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2) **ಗಾರ್ಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರು (ದೇಹಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರು)** ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 2 ರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಆರ್ಹ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವವರು ಪದವಿ ಹೊರತು ಪಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ನಡೆಸುವ ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲೆ, ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಅಥವಾ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಪದವಿ ಭಾಷಾ ವಿಷಯವು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. ಇದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಆಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಥಮ ಅಥವಾ ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಕನ್ನಡ ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು ಬರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

3) **ಕಛೇರಿಸಹಾಯಕ** ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 3 ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಥಮ/ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ಓದಿರಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಕನ್ನಡ ಓದಲು ಮತ್ತು ಬರೆಯಲು ಬರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

4) **ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಪರಿಮಿತಿ:** ಸರಿಷ್ಠ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸರಿಷ್ಠ ಪಂಗಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಿಂಪರಿಗ ವರ್ಗ ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1 ರ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆರ್ಹ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 40 ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಪಿಂಪರಿಗ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಪ್ರವರ್ಗಗಳ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 38 ವರ್ಷ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 35 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು.

5) **ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು** ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಂತೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಲಿಖಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂದರ್ಶನದ ಮೂಲಕ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

6) **ಆರ್ಹ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ವಿಧಾನ :** ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ನೌಕರರ ಪತ್ತಿನ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ ನಿ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಆರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ರೂ. 1000/- ಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ರೂ.500/- ಡಿ.ಡಿ/ಜೇಷರ್ಸ್ ಅಥವಾ ನಗದು ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ನಿಗದಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ಆರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ರವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-04-2023 ರಿಂದ 10-05-2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಆರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

7) **ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಸ್ವಯಂ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿದ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು.**

(1) ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್/ಮತದಾರರ ಗುರುತಿನ ಚೀಟಿ/ಚಾಲನಾ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ

(2) ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಎರಡು ಪಾಸ್‌ಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಭಾವಚಿತ್ರ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ಒಂದನ್ನು ಆರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅಂಟಿಸಿ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರಬೇಕು.

(3) ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟರಿಗೆ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ/ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿ ಅಂಕಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು.

(4) ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ತರಬೇತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಕುರಿತು ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್/ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು.

(5) ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ/ಪಿಂಪರಿಗ ವರ್ಗದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಆರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗೆ ಪಡೆದು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು.

8) **ಇತರೆ ಪರತ್ತುಗಳು:**

(1) ಹೊರಗಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸದ ಸಕ್ಷಮವಾಗಿ ಬರೆಯದೆ ಸ್ವಯಂ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸದೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ನಿರ್ದಾಕ್ಷಿಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವಧಿ ಮೀರಿ ಬಂದ ಆರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

(2) ಸಹಕಾರ ನಿಯಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದವಿ, ಡಿಪ್ಲೋಮಾ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಭವ ಹೊಂದಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

(3) ಆರ್ಹ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಆರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಲಿಖಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಲಿಖಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಅಂಕಗಳ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇರೆ 1:5 ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

(4) ಲಿಖಿತ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಅಂಚೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ, ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ನೀಡಿರುವ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

(5) ಆಯ್ಕೆಗೊಂಡ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾರ್ಥಿ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಬೇಕಾಗುವುದು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಠೇವಣಿ, ಫಿಡೆಲಿಟಿ ಬಾಂಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿರ ನಿಗದಿತ ದಾಖಲೆ/ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

(6) ಆರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕೂ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

(7) ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ಮುಂದೂಡುವ ರದ್ದು ಪಡಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ಪರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರಿಸುವ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಉಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

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Mobility gap: Where metro doesn't ply

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and Anekal are poorly served by the metro despite having a large number of citizens in their constituencies.

While Mahadevapura is deemed as the second most populated ward in the city according to electoral rolls, only the recent inauguration of the metro line from KR Puram to Whitefield has provided a push to its public transport accessibility.

The evaluation also found that in most constituencies, commuters have to travel an average distance of 2 km to reach the station, preventing people from accessing sustainable modes of transport for first and last-mile connectivity, and reducing accessibility to a huge chunk of the public.

The study concluded that not every constituency may require additional bus stops or metro stations as their requirement depends on the inflow and outflow of people residing within its limit, hence, making it important for the state to understand and study strategic locations.

The study noted that metro connectivity is a time-consuming process and economically burdensome – the current metro lines that are functioning in the city have taken over a decade to be constructed.

It called for a more holistic approach when it comes to mobility planning in the city – where various departments that are responsible for mobility come together and coordinate, and urged the metro and buses to complement each other.

Furthermore, for immediate impact, the evaluation suggested that suburban rail functioning within the existing framework needs to be leveraged while an increase in the number of buses owned by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to provide last-mile connectivity is the need of the hour.

IYC chief's anticipatory bail plea rejected

A court in Bengaluru on Friday rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Indian Youth Congress (IYC) president Srinivas BV on whom former Assam unit IYC chief Angkita Dutta has levelled harassment allegations.

The bail petition was dismissed by a Bengaluru court judge, KS Jyothisri.

Following the development, Srinivas faces the threat of arrest. Senior counsel KN Phaneendra has submitted that "the complainant's dignity and honour has been damaged and the victim has registered her statement before the court under section 164".

The Special Public Prosecutor from Assam placed arguments in favour of the Assam police objecting to Srinavas' anticipatory bail plea.

After Angkita Dutta lodged a harassment complaint, Assam police went to the Bengaluru residence of Srinivas. Sources said that a team of Assam police including a senior IPS officer visited Bengaluru.

An FIR has also been lodged against Srinivas at the Vidhana Soudha police station here in connection with obstructing the duty of election officers recently.

According to police, Srinivas obstructed election officers when they were conducting a search and inspection during a meeting held by him at a hotel on April 23 in Bengaluru.

Srinivas allegedly did not cooperate with the officials and got into an argument with them. **–IANS**

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I, Hrishikesh Gaikwad Vijendra S/o. Vijendra Gaikwad, Residing at No. 74,5th cross, Someshwar nagar, Yeshwanthapur, Bengaluru 560022 have change my minor daughter's name from BRAHMI GAIKWAD HRISHIKESH to ARADHYA GAIKWAD HRISHIKESH vide affidavit dated 25.04.2023 sworn before notary: K.S.Nataraja, Bangalore

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I, Mohammmed Khaja Ibrahim Khallellullah S/O, Late Abdul Shukur R/o S/o Abdul Shukur Hno 222/82 4th Cross Nr Colony Murugesh Palya Hal Post Bangalore North Vimanapura :- 560017 have changed my name to Mohammed Khaja Ibrahim Khallelula

I, Pattem Venugopal Vijay Kumar, R/o No. 31, 1st B Main Road, Vivekananda Nagar, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085 have changed my son name (minor) from Tarun Yadav to Tarun Yadav P V.

I, Shaheen Taj Rasool Shariff "W/o" Syed Rafiq R/o No-1/1, 2nd Main , 4th Cross , V R Puram Palace Guttahalli B'lore-560003 have changed my name to Shaheen Taj.

I, Bharathi Gujjala W/o Ramana Reddy, R/o 128,5th Cross, Vijinapura, Doorvaninagar Post, B'luru-560016 Have Changed my name to Bharathi Ramana Reddy Affidavit Dt.28/04/2023 Notary Ganesh Gowda M V, B'luru

I, FATHIMA residing at No.19/6, 2nd C Main, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 have changed my name to FATHIMA MOOSA vide affidavit dated 27.04.2023 sworn before notary V.Anjanappa, Bangalore.

I Krishna Kumara S S/O, Shivanna N R/o No 1266 14th Main Kavi Ranna Road Hanumantha Nagar Gaviopuram Banglore 560019 have changed my name to S Krishna Kumar

I Sandeep Patil, R/o 1889, 7th Main, 7th Cross, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bengaluru-560065 have changed my daughter's name (minor) from Riyanshi Sandeep Patil to Riyanshi Patil

I, Tejas V Singh s/o Vikas Singh R/o #33/145, 8th cross, 2nd main, Prakashnagar, Bengaluru 560021 have changed my name to TEJAS affidavit Dt.28/04/2023 notary Ganesh Gowda M. V, B'luru

I, Pattem Venugopal Vijay Kumar, R/o No-31, 1st B Main Road, Vivekananda Nagar, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085 have changed my daughter name (minor) from Bhumika Yadav to Bhumika P V

I, Showkat Ahmed Jan R/o Hbr Layout, 7b Main Road , 3rd Block, 247b - have changed my minor son's name from Ahmed Ziyan Jan to Ahmed Ziyan

I Yamini.A R/a #17, Aishwarya Nivas, 20th "I" Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, B'lore-560047, Have Changed My Minor Child Name From Shrinikka to Shrinikka Naveenkumar Vide Affidavit Dt 28.04.2023 Before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar

I am Santa Bahadur S/O Late Dil Bahadur of 89 Bn BSF inform that the following details of my Family members are wrong in my service records.My Wife's Name is Kamla Devi & DOB (13/03/1975) and correct name is Sita Devi & DOB (13/3/1975). (Affidavit No.IN-KA47172825628810V)

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'File cases against all making hate speeches'

Supreme Court Bench terms hate speech a serious offence capable of affecting secular fabric of country

#NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Friday directed all states and Union Territories (UTs) to register cases against those making hate speeches even if no complaint has been made, while stressing that both judges on the bench are apolitical and "they do not care about party A or party B or party C". The bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna termed hate speech a serious offence capable of affecting secular fabric of the country and added that the court had passed the order last year with public good in mind for suo motu action against hate speech.

"This is something which goes to the heart of our republic...about dignity of people....", said Justice Joseph.

During the hearing, the bench made it crystal clear that both judges are apolitical and they do not care about party A or party B, or party C, "we only know the Constitution and the laws of the country... let us be very clear about it... whatever order we pass, it is allegiance to the oath we have taken".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said there is no dispute about it and also there is no doubt about it.

When counsel cited instances of hate speeches in various parts of the country,the bench orally observed: "Don't bring in politics. If the attempt is to bring in politics, we won't be a party to this...we said in our order, irrespective of religion (action should be taken), what more do you want...".

Advocates walk past the Supreme Court of India building, in New Delhi

It said it is entertaining petitions against hate speeches in different parts of the country for "larger public good" and to ensure establishment of "rule of law".

Advocate Nizam Pasha, counsel for the petitioner, said the court ordered the police to take suo motu action and if police are not acting, it will be contempt. Mehta said let all states be joined in the matter.

The bench said respondents shall ensure immediately when any speech or any action takes place which attracts offences under various sections of the IPC, without any complaint being filed suo moto action can be taken to register cases.

Last year, the apex court had directed Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Uttarakhand to crack down hard on those making hate speeches, calling them shocking for a country and also warned that any delay in taking action on this "very serious issue" will invite the court's contempt.

– IANS

754 more Indians brought back from Sudan, total tally stands at 1,360

Happy homecoming: Indian nationals come out from a C-17 aircraft after reaching an airport under 'Operation Kaveri', in New Delhi, on Friday

#New Delhi
Another 754 Indian citizens have been evacuated from violence-hit Sudan and brought back home on Friday by the government under Operation Kaveri. While 392 people arrived in New Delhi in a C-17 Indian Air Force aircraft, another batch of 362 Indians were brought to Bengaluru.

With this, the total number of Indians who have been brought back from the troubled African nation, is now 1,360, as per official data.

The people have been brought home from the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah, where India has set up a transit camp for the evacuees.

The first batch of 360 evacuees was brought to New Delhi in a commercial plane on April 26.

The second batch of 246 evacuees arrived in Mumbai in a C-17 Globemaster on April 27.

Under Operation Kaveri, India has been rescuing its citizens in buses from conflict zones in Khartoum and other troubled areas to Port Sudan.

From there, they are being taken to Jeddah and from the Saudi Arabian city, they are being brought back to India.

India has set up separate control rooms in Jeddah and Port Sudan, while the Indian embassy in Khartoum has been coordinating with them and the External Affairs Ministry here.

– IANS

Activist to pay ₹8 lakh for police protection, says SC

#New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Friday directed activist Gautam Navlakha, who is under house arrest in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, to deposit another Rs 8 lakh as an expense for making available police personnel for his security.

While ordering his house arrest on November 10 last year, the apex court had initially directed Navlakha to deposit Rs 2.4 lakh as the expenses to be borne by the state for making available police personnel to effectively facilitate placing the petitioner under house arrest.

The direction by a bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna was passed after Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju submitted that a total bill of Rs 66 lakh was pending.

The top court also directed Raju to file reply within two weeks on Navlaka's plea seeking to be shifted from the public library in Mumbai.

On Navlakha's request to walk for 45 minutes, Raju said he would seek instructions.

The ASG said even the police personnel are forced to walk with him. The apex court remarked,"Instructions for walk. He is doing them a favour. They will become more trim. Most are out of shape otherwise."

– PTI

Our protest will continue till WFI chief is sent to jail, say wrestlers

#New Delhi
Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia and star wrestlers like Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik on Friday said that they will continue their protest against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh until he is sent behind bars.

Indian wrestlers are protesting at Jantar Mantar in the national capital against WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over allegations of sexual harassment. Top Indian grapplers such as Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia, and many other wrestlers are involved in the protest against the WFI chief.

On the 6th day of the protest, wrestlers addressed the media after the Delhi Police agreed to register an FIR against the WFI President.

"I'd like to thank all the athletes who have come out in our support. Abhinav Bindra and Neeraj Chopra have supported us because they understand the value of athletes. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh should be imprisoned soon. He'd continue to misuse his position and he needs to be put behind bars. We'll protest till the time he goes to jail. We also have to see the sections that the Delhi police have imposed on him. People who felt that our protest will be over after the FIR were wrong and we are in our right to decide on it. All of us protesting need security and the complainants need security because you never know who wants to harm us," Bajrang Punia said at the press conference.

– ANI

SCBA condemns BCI resolution on same sex marriage

#New Delhi
The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) has condemned a resolution passed by the Bar Council of India which said the apex court should desist from hearing the pleas seeking legalisation of same-sex marriage, terming it "highly inappropriate."

In a resolution adopted on April 23, the BCI had expressed its concern over the same-sex marriage issue being heard in the Supreme Court, saying it would be "catastrophic" to overhaul something as fundamental as the conception of marriage by the court and the matter should be left to the legislature.

Responding to the resolution, the SCBA statement, signed by a majority of its members, said it is the duty of the court to decide if the issue should be adjudicated by the court or left to the wisdom of Parliament.

The SCBA also clarified its resolution should not be construed to mean it is supporting or opposing the petitioners in the matter pending before the top court.

In a resolution, the BCI had said any decision by the apex court in such a sensitive matter may prove very harmful for the future generations.

"... any matter which is likely to tinker with the fundamental social structure, a matter which has far reaching impact on our socio-cultural and religious beliefs should necessarily come through legislative process only," the BCI had said.

The BCI resolution said law is a "codified societal norm" that reflects the collective conscience of people, and religion being intertwined with culture, greatly influences the codification of law and societal norms in any civilised society.

– PTI

HEALTH TIP: Consuming about 200 mg of caffeine (2 cups) and then immediately taking a 30-minute rest supposedly makes you more alert

Grabbing a 100-calorie snack pack of cookies or pretzels may seem virtuous, but it's more likely to make you hungrier than if you ate something more substantial

SOLITUDE IS GOLDEN

Why time on your own can sometimes be good for you

Spending time alone can induce fear in a lot of people, which is understandable. At the same time, the difference between moments of solitude and loneliness is often misunderstood.

As a psychologist, I study solitude – the time we spend alone, not interacting with other people. I started this research more than ten years ago and, up to that point, findings on young people's time alone had suggested they often experience low moods when alone.

On social media, television or in the music we listen to, we typically picture happiness as excitement, enthusiasm and energisation. From that perspective, solitude is often mistaken for loneliness.

In psychology, researchers define loneliness as a distressed feeling that we experience when we don't have, or are unable to get, the kind of social connections or relationships we hope for. Solitude is different.

While people's definitions of solitude might vary, what is interesting is that for many, being solitary doesn't necessarily mean there's no one else around. Instead, many people can, and do, find solitude in public spaces, whether this be sitting with a cup of tea in a busy cafe or reading a book in a park. And my research suggests that taking some time for yourself could have a positive impact on your daily mood.

Many of us have had days when there are troubles at work, when things don't go as expected, or when we take on too much and feel overwhelmed. What I've found is that learning to take a little time for yourself, a moment of solitude, could help you deal with these feelings.

What can we gain from solitude?

In a series of experiments, I brought undergraduate students into a room to sit quietly with themselves. In some studies, I took away the students' backpacks and devices and asked them to sit with their thoughts; at other times, the students stayed in the room with books or their phones.

After just 15 minutes of being alone, I found that any strong emotions the participants might have been feeling, such as anxiety or excitement, dropped. I concluded that solitude has the capacity to bring down people's arousal levels, meaning it can be useful in situations where we feel frustrated, agitated or angry.

Many people might assume that only introverts would enjoy solitude. But while it is true that introverts might prefer to be alone, they are not the only people who can reap the benefits from solitude.

In a survey of more than 18,000 adults around the world, more than half voted for solitude as one of the key activities they engage in for rest. So, if you are an extrovert, don't let this stop you from taking time for solitude to calm down.

Sitting with your thoughts can be difficult

The challenging part about spending time alone is that it can be boring and lonely sometimes.

Many people find that sitting with their thoughts can be difficult, and prefer having something to do. Indeed, forcing yourself to sit and do nothing can lead to you finding time alone less enjoyable. So you might prefer to have some sort of activity during your moment of solitude.

In my study, I gave participants the choice to do nothing or spend their time sorting hundreds and hundreds of golf pencils into boxes. After being asked to be alone for ten minutes, most participants chose to sort the pencils. This is the sort of activity I thought most people would find boring.

However, the choice to do the boring task stems from the desire to keep busy when other people are not around to occupy our mental space.

So, if you find yourself scrolling on your device every time you have a few moments of solitude, this is quite common. Don't be hard on yourself. Many people scroll to cope with stress and boredom. Some people also prefer spending their time alone doing daily chores, such as going grocery shopping or doing laundry. This is valid solitary time.

Engaging in fun activities alone

It is interesting, however, that many people shy away from engaging in fun activities alone, like going to the cinema or dining at a restaurant. This might be because we tend to think of them as activities we do with friends and close ones, so doing them alone can make us feel judged and self-conscious. Travelling alone is another activity that can be intimidating, particularly for women.

> **While people's definitions of solitude might vary, what is interesting is that for many, being solitary doesn't necessarily mean there's no one else around**

But a key benefit of going solo is the opportunity to find calm, and having the freedom to choose what to do and how to do it.

In my time studying solitude, I have challenged myself to take on some of these fun activities in my moments of solitude, and I have found the experience rather liberating. Other women have similar experiences, especially when travelling, which has left them feeling empowered and freed.

To overcome our fear of solitude, we need to recognise its benefits and see it as a positive choice – not something that happens to us. While taking a solo trip might be a bit much for you right now, taking time out of your busy schedule for small doses of solitude might well be just what you need.

—By Thuy-vy Nguyen, Department of Psychology, Durham University (The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I have a 12-year-old daughter and I'm really struggling to cope with her mood swings.
In nine months she's gone from being a sweet little girl who loved cuddles and doing things with me, to a mean, shouty, sweary, selfish person.
It feels like it's happened overnight and I literally have no idea how to cope with it.
I didn't expect this teenage behaviour until much later or at least until she was an actual teenager! She's very grown up for her age physically compared to most of her friends, but emotionally she's immature.
She blames my husband and me for everything, from her iPad running out of battery to the fact she's not done her homework. It's all our fault!
She never takes responsibility for anything and when she doesn't get her way, she has huge meltdowns and doesn't seem to care who sees them. Please help.

COLEEN SAYS

It's absolutely normal. Trust me, you're not on your own with this – in fact, I have a friend who's going through the same thing right now.
I think this phase of parenting is the hardest. It's hard for her as she's maturing physically and her hormones are raging, but she's not mentally mature yet. These days, girls are exposed to sophisticated content on social media which they're not equipped to deal with and this fuels the fire. You have to be strong, and try not to not shout (the shutters will come down over her ears, so it's pointless). I think it would help to show empathy. Say you know it's annoying when the iPad runs out of battery, but if she carries on disrespecting you, there won't be an iPad to charge. And if you say something like this, you have to mean it.
She'll start to understand there are real consequences.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Not guilty
Sooraj Pancholi found 'not guilty' in the Jiah Khan suicide case; gets acquitted by the special CBI court

WINNING SMILES

'Gangubai Kathiawadi', 'Badhaai Do', 'Brahmastra' win big

Stories and characters that challenged stereotypes were honoured at the 68th Filmfare Awards, with Alia Bhatt-starrer "Gangubai Kathiawadi" and LGBTQ comedy drama "Badhaai Do" emerging as top winners.

"Gangubai Kathiawadi", directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, won 10 awards, including Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for Bhatt , Best Dialogue, Best Costume, Best Choreography, Best Cinematography and Best Production Design.

"The day we wrapped 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', with shaking hands and heavy hearts, I remember telling my wonderful crew. 'No matter the outcome, just the experience of shooting the film, learning and growing under the guidance of Sanjay sir - that's my blockbuster.'

"I left that set a different person - and that was ONLY because of this amazing team!" Bhatt posted on Instagram after her win and also thanked her fans and family for being a "constant inspiration to do better".

Superstar Salman Khan hosted the ceremony for the very first time, alongside co-hosts Ayushmann Khurrana and Maniesh Paul. The annual star-studded show, attended by the who's who of the Hindi film industry, saw performances by the Vicky Kaushal, Govinda, Janhvi Kapoor, Tiger Shroff, and Jacqueline Fernandez.

The second big winner of the night was "Badhaai Ho", which dominated the critics' section. While Rajkummar Rao won the Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) trophy for his performance as gay police man, Bhumi Pednekar took home the Best Actress (Critics) award for the role of a lesbian PT teacher. She shared the trophy with Tabu for "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2".

"Badhaai Do", directed by Harshavardhan Kulkarni, also won Best Film (Critics), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female) for Sheeba Chadha, Best Story for Akshat Ghildiyal and Suman Adhikary and Best Screenplay. Best Actor (Critics) went to Sanjay Mishra for thriller movie "Vadh"

Bhatt's "Brahmastra Part One: Shiva", co-starring her actor-husband Ranbir Kapoor, took home Best Music Album (Pritam), Best Lyrics for 'Kesariya' (Amitabh Bhattcharya), Best Playback Singer (Male) for Arijit Singh, Best Sound Design and Best VFX awards..

—PTI

Dashing half

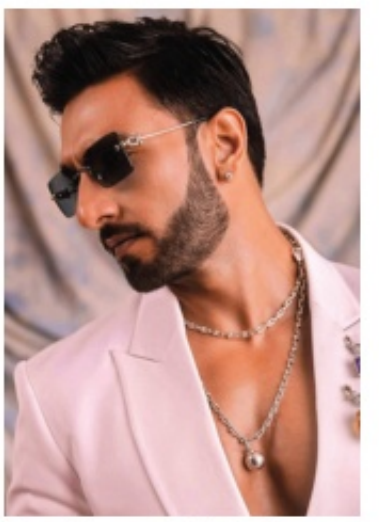
Ranveer Singh recently attended a launch event in New York along with a host of Hollywood stars including Florence Pugh, Blake Lively, Michael B Jordan, Katy Perry, Gabrielle Union, and even BTS star Jimin, Thai actor Metawin aka WIN.

In a video that is doing the rounds on social media, the actor is seen waving at his fans and greeting them with flying kisses.

One of his fans from the crowd was also heard saying, "Ranveer I love you. How is Deepika?" To which he replied, "Good."

Dressed in a sharp white suit, he looked dashing as ever. The actor ditched his shirt and only wore a statement silver necklace with large diamond brooches, a bracelet and silver rings. On his arrival at the event, Ranveer got the fans all hyped up with his cute antics.

He was last seen in Rohit Shetty's 'Cirkus' with Jacqueline Fernandez,



Varun Sharma and Pooja Hegde. The film failed to impress the audience at the box office. He is currently awaiting the release of his upcoming film, 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' with Alia Bhatt. The Karan Johar directorial is slated to hit the theatres in July this year.

— ETimes

Working birthday for Sam

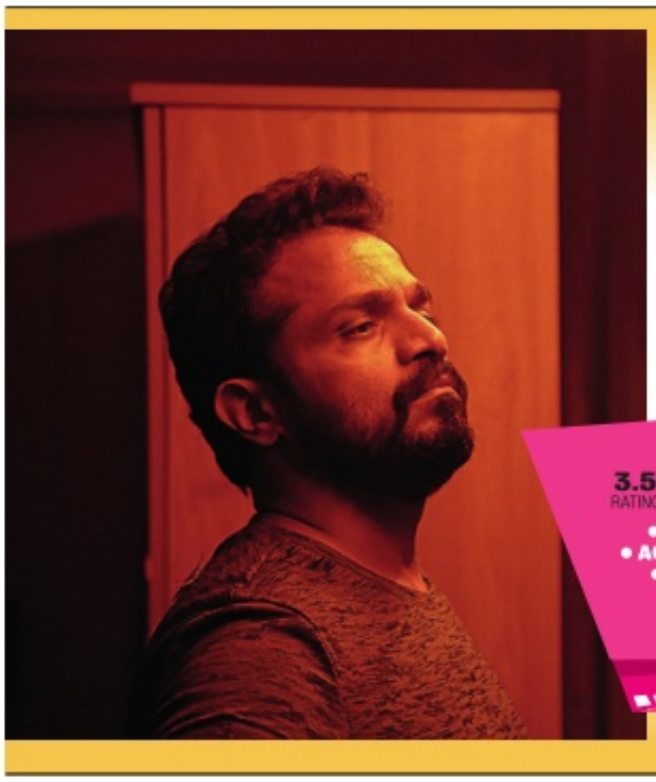
Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu turned a year older on Friday and she will celebrate her special day with the team of 'Citadel'.

Samantha is currently busy shooting for Raj and DK's 'Citadel' in Madhya Pradesh.

Sharing details about her working birthday, a source close to the actor said, "Samantha has had a choc-o-bloc couple of months with work commitments. Her birthday this year coincides with her Citadel schedule. She is shooting in Orccha in Madhya Pradesh for a 10-day schedule of the series, Samantha loves that it's a working birthday and she will be celebrating it on set, doing what she loves the most acting."

Samantha recently attended the UK premiere of the international 'Citadel' created by the Russo Brothers. The action-packed show stars Priyanka Chopra alongside Richard Madden. Samantha and Varun are a part of the Indian version of 'Citadel'.

— ANI



You know it's a thriller

RAAGHU
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** Anand Raj
- **ACTORS** Vijay Raghavendra
- **Duration** 93 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

Raaghu is the second movie in Sandalwood that features a single actor. The film is a visual delight due to the lavish sets, songs and different locations.

The movie begins with Raaghu (Vijay Raghavendra), who is held captive at an abandoned factory, trying to shoo away a rat craving to taste his blood. The more Raaghu tries to shoo away the rat, the more it troubles him. At this juncture, the director narrates how Raaghu ended up in such a horrible situation. Raaghu, an asthmatic, works as a medicine delivery boy. He delivers medicines during the day and indulges in house-breaking at night along with his friend Munna. His plan is to escape with the booty to Dubai along with his lover Jennifer.

While stealing money from a liquor baron's house, Raaghu escapes safely while Munna suffers with burn injuries. Suspecting Raaghu's intentions, Munna decides to take revenge on him. He kidnaps Jennifer and threatens to kill her if Raaghu fails to accomplish tasks given to him. Raaghu accomplishes all the tasks given to him. What happens to Raaghu is what the movie is all about.

Vijay Raghavendra, known for humility and simplicity in Sandalwood, is at his best in this movie. His dialogue delivery and body language deserve appreciation. He walks away with all honours for his sterling performance in a few scenes that show his hallucinations. He is superb in another scene where he comes to know that he was drugged by Munna, which caused the hallucinations. The other scene that keeps audiences on the edge of their seats is the burial ground scene where cremation of Covid 19 pandemic victims is in progress.

The movie has dialogues for other characters including Munna, a house owner, two police inspectors and a few constables who do not appear on the screen. Dialogues written by Atharv Arya are punchy, raw and meaningful. Music, especially the background score, by Suraj Jois, is good. Uday Leela has done a neat job behind the camera.

Finally, the movie ends with a message stating that no one escapes from their karma.

It is worth a watch for families (but leave the kids at home), and those who love thrillers, especially for Vijaya Raghavendra's fans.

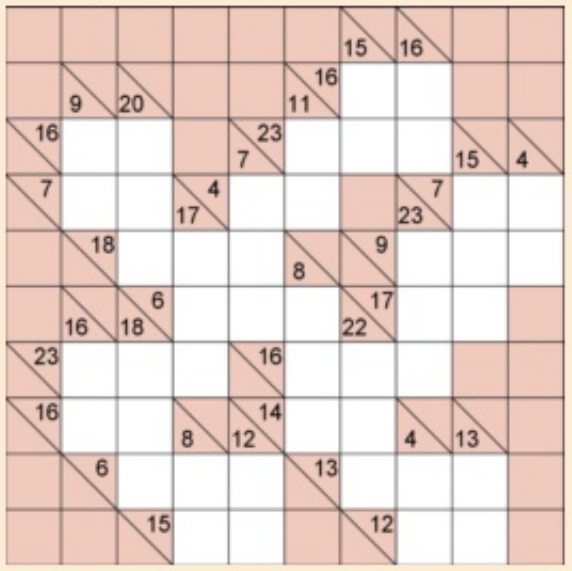
—Y Maheswara Reddy

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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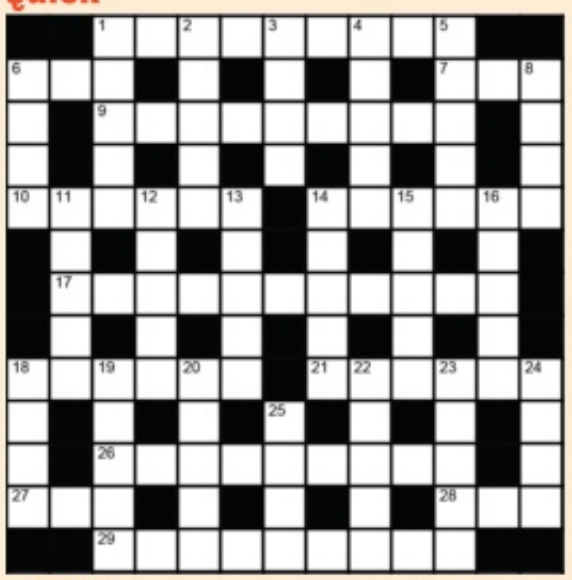


ACROSS

1 C.N. ___ : founder of DMK? (9)
6 Small child (3)
7 Flop (3)
9 Young male pupil (9)
10 One of the outer planets (6)
14 Passageways (6)
17 Showing sound judgment (5-6)
18 No balls and wides (6)
21 Arrange or classify; mix (6)
26 Multiplex on Banerghatta road (9)
27 IRS in India (3)
28 Hosiery shade (3)
29 Very wise (9)

DOWN

1 Between ports (2,3)
2 India's first P.M. (5)
3 Condemn or damn (4)
4 Religious leader of the Jews (5)
5 Short work describing peaceful, pleasant rural life (5)
6 South Indian dialect (4)
8 Taunts (informal) (4)
11 Take it easy (5)
12 Not at any time (5)
13 Auctions (5)
14 Stadium (5)
15 Take ___ : be partial? (5)
16 Senior in age (5)
18 Needle case (4)
19 Items of Mexican food (5)
20 It may develop when things don't seem to be going smoothly (1,4)
22 Artillery volley (5)
23 Expels or evicts (5)
24 Urban area (4)
25 Heroic tale (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS U

CUPOCL HJR LRT POC FBH JL POC FBH LRTD HJR.

Linemaro

If I could ask God one thing, it would be to stop the moon. Stop the moon and make this night and your beauty last forever

Mindchow

The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change

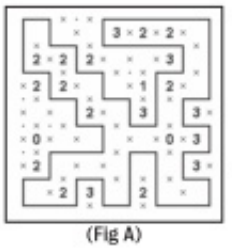
Joke of the day

Q: How many Chinamen does it take to change a lightbulb? A: Thousands, because Confucious say many hands make light work.

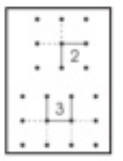
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



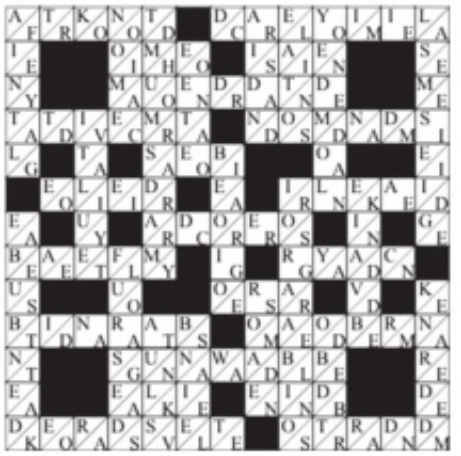
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

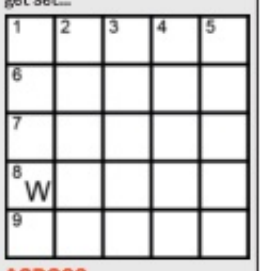
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Orcus; 6 I hour; 7 I pass; 8 We ark; 9 Small

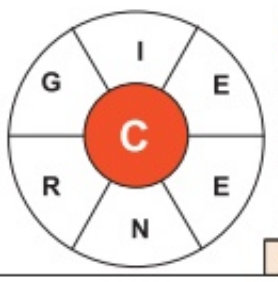
DOWN

1 Whams; 2 A crop; 3 Seoul; 4 Ural I; 5 Sri SK

Mensapuzzle

Which number should replace the question mark?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **06** Outstanding

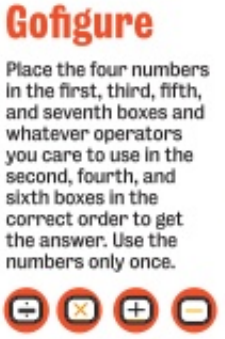
SudokuChallenge

2		8	6		1	3		5
	1			8			9	
			7		5			
6		2				5		8
	8						7	
1		7				4		9
			4		6			
	3			2			6	
4		5	3		9	2		1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy: = 18 — 2 5 7 8

Medium: = 9 — 3 5 8 9

Hard: = 6 — 2 8 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree limb is higher. 2. Pant cuff is missing. 3. Ear is different. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Tree is missing. 6. Backpack flap is longer.

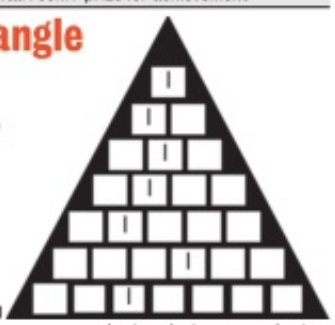
Riddler

In English, "re" is a prefix usually meaning "again", such as in "rebuild" (build again). However, there are many words starting with "re" which have a totally different meaning without the "re". You will be given two definitions, one for a word starting with "re", and one for the remaining word without the "re"

1. difficult search / politely ask
2. trustworthy / legally responsible
3. hospital room / prize for achievement

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Not out
3 Fish feature
4 Speeder's penalty
5 Wicked person
6 Characterise
7 Pretended



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

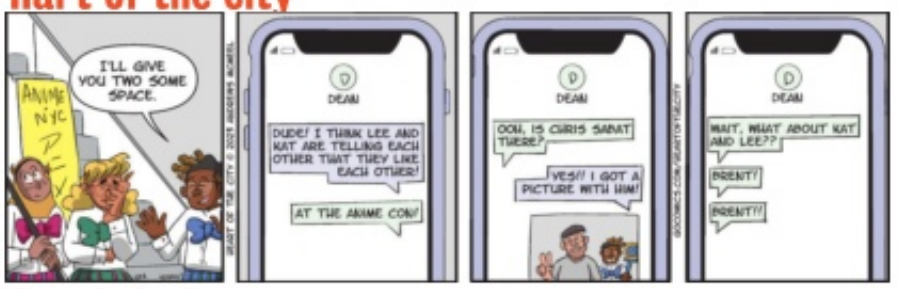
Redeye by Mel Casson

I'VE GOT THIS BUZZING IN MY EARS AND IT FEELS LIKE THERE ARE BUTTERFLIES IN MY STOMACH
TAKE THIS TWICE A DAY
WHAT IS IT?
INSECT REPELLENT

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


I'LL GIVE YOU TWO SOME SPACE.
DUDE! I THINK LEE AND KAT ARE TELLING EACH OTHER THAT THEY LIKE EACH OTHER!
AT THE ANIME CON!
OOH, IS CHRIS SAMAT THERE?
YES!! I GOT A PICTURE WITH HIM!
WAIT, WHAT ABOUT KAT AND LEE??
PRENT!
PRENT!!

Crankshaft

PHYLLIS THE FORECASTER HERE AT THE CENTERVILLE ICE CARVING FESTIVAL, WHERE ED CRANKSHAFT HAS VOLUNTEERED THE USE OF HIS OWN PERSONAL FLAME-THROWER TO TRY TO UNCOVER THE ICE SCULPTURES!
IS THIS SAFE?
ABSOLUTELY... AS LONG AS YOU DON'T START IT ON ELEVEN!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your creativity may be on high, and you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some items to renovate your house or office, which may increase your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with your spouse, creating harmony in your domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may settle down. You may receive good news in terms of litigation.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will be glad as you will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditures, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. Plan a visit to elders or a spiritual place.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness, and you may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit a spiritual place. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders, find out your mistakes, and make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, until late afternoon, you may feel dullness in your nature, which may reflect into your way of working. But with the help of elders' blessings, you may likely come back to your speed. You may likely pay extra attention to your kid's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors shall be careful while taking difficult decisions. Stomach issues may upset you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be happy at work. You may likely take some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you in the near future. You may plan for a short trip. Your subordinates may likely be cooperative. You may expect some good news in terms of your sibling's success. You may likely be in a winning position in legal matters. Students may be more focused to achieve their targets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your communication skills may help you in terms of the professional front. You may likely be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Love birds may likely exchange their views with each other, which may lay the foundation of their relationship.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. A new partnership may give you benefits. Your energy level may likely be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may likely meet some old friends or be busy with social get-togethers. You may be more excited today. New innovations may be there in terms of business. Also, you may likely have some unexpected material gains. Kids may give good news in terms of studies. Love birds may enjoy their quality moments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and your small investments may convert into big profits. Your working efficiency may be increased now. You are likely to get success with less effort. You may hear good news in legal matters also. You may have full control over your opponents and rivals.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and your small effort may give you success. You are likely to have good profits from your past investments. You can get rewards for your hard work in professional and domestic life. Your prestige may increase now. You may start new innovation in the business. Disputes with your spouse may be resolved now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel better as situations may be under control. Your network may help you on the work front, and you may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony and love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for your family. You may also plan for watching movies or going for an outing with friends or family.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel tired due to overworking, which may make you lazy and careless. You are advised to keep patience. If you are planning for an adventure tour, it is advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may have converted into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may experience backaches, nervous system issues, liver-related issues, and skin issues.

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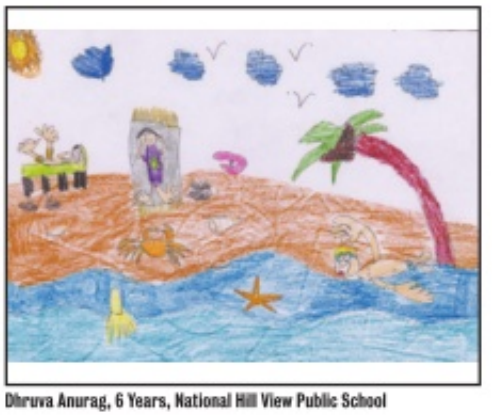
Aditya M Sarangi, 7 Years, National Public School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(120:4)+(25x4)÷4 =
= 30 + 100:4 =
= 30+25 = 55

BULL'S EYE
cringe, (GENERIC, nice, nicer, niece, nice

RIDDLER
1. quest / request,
2. reliable / liable,
3. ward / reward

FAST FIVE

S	C	O	U	R
H	O	U	R	I
A	P	S	I	S
W	R	E	A	K
M	A	L	L	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Either you run the day or the day runs you.

STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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6	9	2	1	4	7	5	3	8
3	8	4	9	5	2	1	7	6
1	5	7	8	6	3	4	2	9
8	2	9	4	1	6	7	5	3
7	3	1	5	2	8	9	6	4
4	6	5	3	7	9	2	8	1

MENSA PUZZLE
1: so that the total of each vertical line of numbers increases by one each time.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, In, Fin, Fine, Fiend, Define, Feigned.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 7 – 2 + 5 = 18
Medium
3 + 9 – 8 + 5 = 9
Hard
9 + 3 + 2 – 8 = 6

LOOP

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